THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Establishment of residential girls high schools comes under the purview of the Government of Orissa and no such proposal has been received in the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Result of Mid-Day Meal Scheme

2806. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education, popularly known as Mid-day Meal Scheme has failed to show positive results in some States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CAG has recently found flaws in the functioning of the scheme in some States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective steps Government proposes to take to check flaws in the scheme and implement in a smooth manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) No, Sir. However, the CAG in their report for the year ended March, 2005 on the performance audit of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan had pointed out certain inconsistencies in the coverage of Mid-Day Meal Programme in Chandigarh, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh and Punjab, The matter has been taken up with the concerned State Governments/UTs for clarification.

Higher education for backward sections

†2807. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that higher education amongst children of backward sections is being possible for want of capacity to incur its expenses;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government has decided to implement the proposal by framing a legislation, to overcome the difficulties being faced by the backward sections; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admissions) Act, 2006 provides special provisions for reservation of seats for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes/Other Backward Classes (SEBCs/OBCs) in admissions to Central

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.